

CAPITOL GRAFTERS TO BE PROSECUTED

Pennsylvania Commission
Recommends Criminal
Proceedings.

PROMINENT MEN INVOLVED IN IT

Architects, Contractors, Former
State Officials and Others
Named by the Commission
as Responsible for Enor-
mous Cost of the
Great Building.

HARRISBURG, Pa., August 16.—Criminal and civil proceedings against all persons concerned in the fraudulent transactions in connection with the construction and furnishing of Pennsylvania's \$13,000,000 Capitol are recommended in the final report of the Capitol Investigating Commission, made to Gov. Stuart today. Eighteen persons are named in the report as being involved in the irregular transactions, and the Attorney-General, through the Governor, is urged to act at once. The persons named, and against whom there will be either criminal or civil suits, are architects, contractors and former State officials, including Congressman H. Burd Cassel, president of the company which supplied the metallic casings and furniture.

The name of former Governor Pennypacker, who, by virtue of his office, was a member of the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings, which let the furnishing contracts, and those of former Governor Stone and his associates, who made up the commission which constructed the Capitol, are not mentioned in the list of persons against whom the investigators recommend that action be taken.

Specimen of Huge Graft.
Senator A. G. Dewalt and Representative R. Scott Ammonman, the Democratic members of the commission, presented a brief supplemental report, in which they specifically name most of those already mentioned as criminally and civilly liable for the frauds against the State. They are in entire accord with the report of the Republican members, and presented their supplement as a further explanation of their individual views.

The commission says it was able to ascertain by testimony that goods costing \$1,574,399 were sold to the State by Sanderson and the Penna. Construction Company for \$4,834,748—a profit of \$3,260,349.

After receiving the report Governor Stuart issued a statement, in which he promised a vigorous prosecution of every person whom the evidence may show to have been guilty of any criminal offense.

Attorney-General Todd is in Maine, but he will return in time to prepare for beginning criminal proceedings in September. His office work has already begun work on the papers.

RAILROAD CANNOT STAND LOW RATE

Witness Says Southern Would
Practically Have to Dis-
continue Operation.

NEW YORK, August 16.—Further testimony that may aid in settling the controversy between the State courts of North Carolina and the Southern Railway over the constitutionality of the North Carolina 2-1-4 cent rate law was heard today by former Judge Montgomery, sitting as special master here, under instructions from Judge Pritchard, of the Federal court in North Carolina, to take depositions in the case.

George L. Evans, fourth division superintendent of the Louisville and Nashville Railway, was a witness called today by General Counsel Thom, of the Southern Railway. Mr. Evans testified that enforcement of the 2-1-4 cent rate on a road constructed so peculiarly as the Southern Railway in North Carolina would practically force the railroad to discontinue operations.

The witness further stated that it costs more for the handling of local traffic than for through traffic.

Mr. Evans said if these figures were correct, as put by Mr. Justice (Mr. Evans) was wrong earlier in the day when he said that a 2-1-4 cent rate per mile would force the Southern Railway to discontinue service.

FIVE ARE DEAD, ELEVEN HURT IN COLLAPSE

Unexpected Downfall of Frame
Tenement Works Havoc
Among Its Occupants.

CHICAGO, ILL., August 16.—Five persons were killed and eleven were injured, three seriously, early today by the collapse of a two-story frame building at No. 55 Fry Street, occupied as a dwelling house. Four of the victims were instantly killed, and the fifth died a few minutes after reaching the hospital. The bodies were taken from the ruins by policemen and firemen, who cleared the street when compelled to crawl under the building to reach the victims. The dead: Mrs. Annie Nosal, thirty-five years old; Kate Nosal, six years old, daughter; John Nosal, two months old, son; Albert Stehm, thirty-three years old, boarder; Annie Marwananski, twenty-two years old.

DESERTED BABE DIES IN HOSPITAL

Woman, Whose Husband Had
Left Her, Gives Child to
Kind Servant.

Without father or mother to care for it in its last house, homeless and nameless, the little baby boy who was taken to the Eleanor Elliott Home, 401 North Eleventh Street, last Tuesday in a desperately ill state and afterward carried to the Virginia Hospital, died there last night. The funeral will take place in Oakwood cemetery, but no one, so far, has come forward to claim the body, and it must be buried at the expense of the city.

The baby was taken to the Elliott Home on Tuesday. The home had been closed, but a kindly servant who answered the door, took the child in, and in the afternoon succeeded in having it admitted to the charity ward of the Virginia Hospital. The mother left her infant without giving her name, saying that she had been deserted by her husband, and that she could not give the child proper attention and care. For hours she had roamed the streets in search of a place to leave the ill child, but without success until she met the kind servant in the Eleanor Elliott Home.

BIG MERGER OF TROLLEY LINES

Thirty-Eight Million Dollar Corporation Planned in
New Jersey.

NEW YORK, August 16.—At a meeting to be held in the offices of the Public Service Corporation, of New Jersey, in Newark, Tuesday, it was announced yesterday, a new corporation is to be formed, to be known as the Public Service Railway Company, with an authorized capital of \$38,000,000. It will embrace all the trolley lines of New Jersey, owned or controlled by the Public Service, and will be a subsidiary concern of the latter. Its object will be to form one company for the control of all the street railway properties of the Public Service in order to make the railway less cumbersome to handle and manage. The recent merger of three separate North Jersey trolley systems was the initial step in the big plan.

All of the stock of the new company is to be issued at once after approval is given to the general plan by the stockholders of the North Jersey, the Jersey City, Hoboken and Paterson and the United Street Railway Company of Central New Jersey. None of the stock is to be sold for cash. It is to be issued in exchange for the \$38,000,000 stock of the merged companies, of which about \$37,000,000 par value was acquired by the Public Service for about \$14,000,000 par value perpetual interest bearing certificates supposed to be secured by a general pledge of all the securities to be acquired.

TOBACCO TRUST TO QUIT TEXAS

Lone Star State Statute Drives
American Tobacco Com-
pany From State.

NEW ORLEANS, August 16.—As a consequence of the new Texas anti-trust law all the salesmen of the American Tobacco Company, now under prosecution by the Federal government as a trust, have withdrawn from the State. The Texas headquarters were removed to New Orleans. Under the new law every employee of a trust is subject to criminal prosecution and the tobacco salesmen could not have worked safely in Texas.

The alleged harvest trust, which has its headquarters at Dallas, Tex., it is understood, is the next to be attacked.

SHAW'S ESCAPE
FROM DROWNING
Novelist and Dramatist, Carried
by Current, Barely
Reaches Shore.

LONDON, August 16.—George Bernard Shaw, the author, has had a narrow escape from drowning, according to the Daily Mail. He was swimming off Llanberis, Merionethshire, with a friend, when he was carried away from shore. After a long struggle he managed to reach a distant sand bank.

MRS. EDDY'S SANITY IS BEING ATTACKED

Expressions in Her Let-
ters Cited as Evidence
of Mental Delusions.

MAY BE BROUGHT TO OPEN COURT

Head of Christian Scientists
Speaks of "Malicious Animal
Magnetism," and of "Poi-
son Mentally Adminis-
tered" to Her Late
Husband by Foes.

CONCORD, N. H., August 16.—A reading of correspondence to show the delusions alleged by counsel, to be held by Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, was continued today before the masters assigned to determine the question of competency. John W. Kelley, representing the relatives of Mrs. Eddy, who have brought suit for an accounting of her property, introduced the letters, reading from one written by Mrs. Eddy the statement that a publisher who delayed proofs of the writings was governed by "M. A. M." which has been explained by followers of Mrs. Eddy to mean "malicious animal magnetism."

Other letters were produced by Mrs. Kelley, but counsel for Mrs. Eddy frequently objected, especially to one which was alleged to show that Mrs. Eddy had insisted on an autopsy upon the body of her husband to ascertain whether he had not been "the victim of arsenical poisoning mentally administered." As this letter was written in 1882 it was ruled out as being too remote.

Mr. Kelley asked for an order to bring Mrs. Eddy into court or permit an examination of her under regular court proceedings at her home and with several of the plaintiffs present. Mr. Kelley also asked for an order for the production next Monday of the books in possession of several of the Eddy family, in which motions were taken under advisement.

The rest of the session was occupied with the introduction, subject to exceptions, of letters written by Mrs. Eddy to her adopted son, Dr. E. J. Foster-Eddy, while he was acting as her publisher and assistant. In them she referred to "M. A. M." the "red dragon," "mental malpractice," etc., as being used to "poison her work" and its publication, and directed the use of "arguments" to overcome this "evil work."

LIVELY DEBATE ON WEDDING LAW

Bill Forbidding Marriage to De-
ceased Wife's Sister
Passed by Commons.

LONDON, August 16.—After an all-night sitting, the House of Commons yesterday passed to third reading the deceased wife's sister bill, and sent it to the House of Lords, where it has so frequently been rejected. Shortly before midnight a little band of twenty-seven church stalwarts entered the debating chamber, prepared to fight every point of progress. Their efforts were defeated. There were some 265 to 26, the result being received with ministerial laughter and cheers. Some passages of arms in the course of the debate were lively. Thus Lord Robert Cecil, the leader of the supporters of the canon law, said: "I am not a member of the Church of England exempted from the operations of the bill."

"set up a rivalry between man's love for his church and his love for a woman? If you do the woman will prevail."

HORSE-RACING AT JAMESTOWN

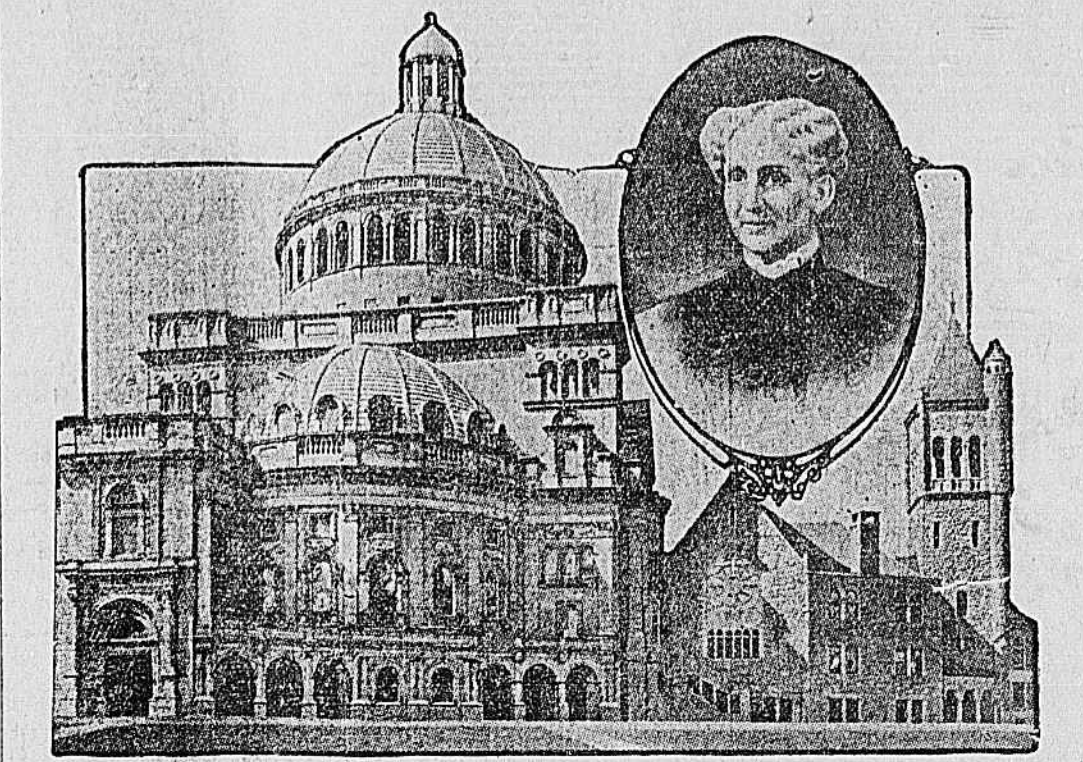
Great Thirty-Day Series of Con-
tests with Crack
Gallopers.

NORFOLK, VA., August 16.—Perhaps the biggest race meet ever scheduled for Virginia will commence on the new one-mile track of the Jamestown Jockey Club, on the grounds formerly owned by Dr. Norfolk Country Club, on Monday, Labor Day, September 2d. The racing will continue for thirty days, and between 400 and 500 horses, mainly from the West, have been entered for it. Among them are many of the fast horses of the country.

Hon. W. A. Young, of Norfolk, former Congressman from the Second Virginia District, is the moving spirit in the Jamestown Jockey Club.

MR. JAHNKE BREAKS
LEADER IN HIS LEG
Mr. A. F. Jahnke, Jr., who runs a jewelry store at No. 912 East Main Street, suffered a peculiar accident Thursday night as he was running to catch a Main Street car.

MRS. MARY BAKER GLOVER EDDY AND CHRISTIAN SCIENCE TEMPLE IN BOSTON



HARRIMAN POLICY, MAKE ROADS PAY

Railroad Magnate Says He
Would Own All Lines
If He Could.

NOT FEDERAL OWNERSHIP

Railway King Says He Will An-
swer Questions as to
Alton Road.

SPARKS, NEV., August 16.—"All of the railroads in the country would be mine if I could get control of them," said Edward H. Harriman to a reporter of the State Journal on his arrival at Sparks, Nev., yesterday.

"But I am misunderstood. I have not come out for Federal ownership. Personally, with all the lines in my possession, I would be better suited."

The reporter asked: "What is your policy concerning the management of the railroads that we are told you own?"

"It is to pay dividends," came the decisive answer. "Since 1898 we have spent \$300,000,000 for improvements. We want some returns. Don't you think we are entitled to returns from such an expenditure? Mine, then, is a financial policy; I watch that end of the game. Other matters are left to the officials concerned with them. There is not much to that policy excepting to make a good investment better. Results—they bring success."

Why He Did Not Reply.
"Why did you not answer the questions put to you by the Interstate Commerce Commission, and will you answer them when the proceedings brought by the Department of Justice force you to appear for the second time?" the reporter asked.

"I refused to tell what I know about the Chicago and Alton purchase because the questions put to me dealt with matters of policy," Mr. Harriman replied.

"Some of them I would not answer any more than you would if asked from whom you bought your suspenders or how much you paid for your shirt. I could not, to be specific, answer all the questions, in justice to my associates in the purchase. But now that the proceedings have been started to get these replies, I will probably not refuse again. Inquiries directed at me in connection with the Chicago and Alton case will perhaps result in the answers desired by the Interstate Commerce Commission. It was a business principle involved that prevented me from answering questions. I may answer when the matter comes up again."

HANG NEGRO WHO ADMITTED CRIME

Mob, at First Outwitted, Finally
Overpowers Constable and
Strings Up Prisoner.

BRISTOL, VA., August 16.—WILL CHIFFORD, a negro, was arrested at Tiptonville, Tenn., and confessed to assaulting Mrs. Mary Cowan and throwing her body into the river; also that he killed another woman a year ago.

Constable Burruss secreted Clifford in a barn to avoid a mob that threatened the jail. Burruss finally started with Clifford for Maple, Ky., but a posse caught up with them. The constable was overpowered and the negro strung up.

YELLOW FEVER APPEARS
IN CUBA IN NEW PLACE.
WASHINGTON, D. C., August 16.—Yellow fever appeared today in a new place in Cuba as disclosed by a cable report from Chief Surgeon Taylor, dated Marino. He says there are two cases at Ceiba, Moana, the origin, of which has not been traced.



PLEASANT VIEW, MRS. EDDY'S HOME.

PLEASURE TRIP ENDS IN TRAGEDY

Girl Jumps Overboard and Is
Drowned — Member of
Crew May Die.

YACHT BURNS TO WATER LINE

Miss Midgett Jumps Into Water
to Escape Flames—Rest
of Party Rescued.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NORFOLK, VA., August 16.—Sailing from Manteo, N. C., to Nag's Head, the same boat, with a jolly party of pleasure-seekers aboard, the yacht Edna May, Captain White, was burned to the water's edge. Miss Cora Midgett, one of the party of pleasure-seekers, sprang into the water to escape the flames, and was drowned. A negro member of the crew of the yacht was perhaps, fatally burned in attempting to put out the fire. The remaining members of the pleasure party and crew were rescued by a negro in a sailboat and taken on to Nag's Head.

The Edna May carried a gasoline engine, and the gasoline tank is supposed to have exploded. Miss Midgett jumped into the water when the explosion occurred. The negro arrived with the sailboat five minutes later. Information regarding the disaster was received here to-night over the United States Weather Bureau's coast wire, and details regarding it are meagre.

PRESIDENT GOES TO CELEBRATION

Will Attend Tercentenary of
Landing of Pilgrims from
the Mayflower.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., August 16.—President Roosevelt will sail from here at 10 o'clock Monday morning on board the Mayflower for Provincetown, Mass., where he is to take part in the celebration of the landing of the Pilgrim fathers. On Tuesday morning the Mayflower, conveyed by two vessels, will receive proper naval salutes from the battleship squadron under Rear Admiral Davis and Rear Admiral Thomas.

The squadron consists of the battleships Alabama, Illinois, Kentucky, Kearsarge, Virginia, New Jersey, Georgia and Rhode Island. President Roosevelt will land at 10:45 A. M. for the shore ceremonies, which will be concluded in time for him to re-embark at 4 P. M. He expects to reach Oyster Bay the following afternoon.

The Mayflower anchored in Oyster Bay off Sagamore Hill to-day.

EXODUS FOLLOWS OLD ORCHARD FIRE

Two Lives Lost and Five Are
Injured in Resort Con-
flagration.

SEVENTEEN HOTELS BURN

Fatalities and Most of Injuries
Due to Explosion of
Soda Tank.

OLD ORCHARD, ME., August 16.—Two lives were lost and five persons were injured, three seriously, as a result of the fire which swept through this seaside resort last night, causing a loss estimated at \$800,000.

The dead: Philip Partridge, twenty-four years old, of Dittsburg, Pa., struck by Boston and Maine train at Kennebunk and killed while on way to the fire. Unidentified man killed by explosion of soda tank; head blown off.

The injured: Rev. Rufus H. Jones, pastor Trinity Episcopal Church, Saco, Me. M. T. Morrill, Salem, Mass. Unidentified man, probably fatally hurt by tank explosion.

Samuel Emerson, Old Orchard, Me., was severely bruised by being thrown from carriage at Kennebunk, while on her way to Old Orchard with Philip Partridge, who was killed.

Seventeen summer hotels, sixty cottages and a score of buildings occupied by stores were destroyed. The explosion which caused so many injuries occurred in Horgan's drugstore on Old Orchard Avenue. It is believed that the fire started from an overturned lamp in the annex of the Hotel Olympia. The total insurance on the burned property, it is understood, will not exceed \$150,000. The water supply is getting very low and it is feared the residents may suffer from the lack of water. As a result of the fire the season at Old Orchard is brought to an abrupt close, as only one large hotel, the Old Orchard, remains. All trains, including several extras, were packed to-day with persons leaving the shore. The people who were driven from the hotels were compelled to spend the night on the beach.

BE BURIED IN HIS OLD CLOTHES

Farmer's Shroud Had Been in
His Possession More
Than Fifty Years.

HARRISBURG, VA., August 16.—George Haney, a well-known farmer of Stephentown, this county, died, aged seventy-three. Mr. Haney was never married, but was survived by three brothers and two sisters, all of this county. He will be buried in a suit of clothes which has been in his possession for more than fifty years.

BROKERS HERE MAY FACE STRIKE TO-DAY

Operators to Walk Out
Unless New Union
Wages are Paid.

ONE FIRM HAS SIGNED SCALE

No Trouble Anticipated by Brok-
ers, but They Prepare to Meet
It—Western Union and the
Postal Handle All Busi-
ness Offered.

According to a statement made last night by C. S. Hervey, leader of the striking operators here, every brokerage establishment in Richmond, with one exception, will be closed to-day unless the union scale is signed before 9 o'clock this morning. Questioned at a late hour as to the probability of this, the brokers declared it was their understanding yesterday that the wires would be working as usual, and they will be prepared to handle business unless what they consider the unexpected happens. It is known positively that several establishments have made arrangements to meet the issue if it is raised.

Messages Go as Usual.

With the exception of this ultimatum from the strikers, put forth after the close of an uneventful day, the situation yesterday was practically unchanged. Both the Western Union and the Postal were transmitting all messages filed with a reasonable degree of promptness, the ability with which they kept the wires clear and clean being due partly to the fact that less business was offered than in ordinary times. The Western Union is still having trouble with railroad operators, who "kill" the local lines by opening keys, but otherwise the company was in better shape than on the previous day. Superintendent Maxwell reported last night that all twenty-five operators on duty, and nineteen on duty after the day force shifted.

Postal Wants More Business.

Superintendent Hibbs said that he would have an additional man in the Postal office to-day, and he has sent one or two to other points. Mr. Hibbs made this statement:

"Our facilities are now greater than required by the volume of business offered. What we want at present, in Richmond, is not more operators, but enough business to keep those we have at work."

"I have had every message filed in this office to-day checked up, and find that the longest time any one remained unsent, after being filed, was thirty-eight minutes, the average being about eight minutes. There is no delay to the principal Middle West, and still more to the Far South and West."

"Answers arriving to telegrams sent, however, indicate an improving condition."

"The statement published in an afternoon paper that Suffolk, Va., is cut off is incorrect. The Postal office is open as usual, and has not been otherwise affected."

As Postal officials are mainly independent of railroads, we are little affected by the reported stand taken by railroads in operations, as are handling business to our smaller points as usual."

There are about eight brokerage establishments in Richmond with leased wires, and heretofore there has been no trouble. Mr. Hervey says, however, that the general order for a strike issued by President Small will be obeyed to-day, and that the operators employed by the brokers will walk out unless they receive the scale, which is \$35.00 a week. Mr. Hervey gave a reporter for The Times-Dispatch the letter from McNaughton & Company, New York, to the effect that the operators will be on duty promptly this morning, he said.

"The brokers attempt to work with nonunion operators," said Mr. Hervey, "they will find that no staff will be sent from New York, and that more than a week's efforts by long distance telephone."

The order from President Small cut off every man receiving the wages demanded by the national union."

Definition of a Term.
Mr. Hervey said that the strikers did not apply the epithet "scab" to men who had refused to walk out already to those who walked in to take a union man's former position. He said, moreover, that the operator who went into the strike with the Western Union after the strike was declared here on Tuesday was not a member of the union."

There was some uncertainty last night about the brokerage situation, but brokers, when notified of the new statement, said they had not anticipated any interruption of the service. They will be prepared to execute orders as usual.

FEW RESPONSES TO SMALL'S CALL

Order Merely Ratifies Strike Al-
ready Ordered — Press
Operators Returning.

NEW YORK, August 16.—Interest in the telegraphers' strike centered to-day in the probable effect of the general strike order issued by President Small, of the national union, and which called upon all operators employed by commercial telegraph companies and those working parties to go out. Through-out the East there were few, if any, responses to the call. This was explained on the ground that all operators who would strike had already given their answer, and that the strike order was given importance only as affording official sanction to the action already taken by the strikers without the previous approval or consent of the national officers.